

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-15, 17-18 remain in this application. Claims 1, 4, 10-15 and 17-18 are amended. Claims 7 and 12 are canceled. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 1-18 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 4, 10-15 and 17-18, in accordance with a telephone discussion with Examiner Dr. Mullis, and the telephone message of 04/19/06. Applicant believes that these amendments should remove the Examiner's Section 112, first and second paragraphs, rejection. No new matter is introduced.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 7 and 16 are allowable over the art. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include all the elements of the original Claims 1 and 7, and amended Claim 16 to include all the elements of the original Claims 9 and 16. Claims 7 and 16 are canceled.

In light of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention is in condition for allowance. And Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any question, he or she is invited to call or fax Applicant's counsel at the telephone numbers below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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